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Art Unit: 1617

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1053 130	2053 65	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	2812 1,260	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920	2804 460	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840	2805 920	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
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1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	140.00
1451 1,510	2451 755	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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